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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart application in the European Patent Office in an

Office Action dated February 18, 2002. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted herewith is being submitted within three months from the date of that Office Action.

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby certify that, unless submitted herewith, no English language translation is presently available to those individuals identified in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) for any non-English language reference(s) cited.

To the best knowledge of the undersigned, no First Office Action has been mailed in this application.

Japanese Patent Application JP 10 188538 (Sony Corp.) apparently relates to a reading device for identification information of recording medium cartridge, recording and reproducing apparatus using the same, and information management apparatus.

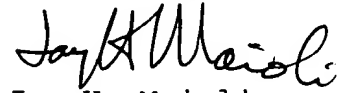
U.S. Patent No. 6,084,736 (Kurokawa, et al.) is the corresponding patent family member to the above cited Japanese patent.

European Patent Publication No. 0 785 547 A2 (Green) apparently relates to a unique and permanent identifier for optical media.

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